

# The Daily Courant.

Monday, August 30. 1703

London, August 30.

The latter Part of the Apology for Monsieur d'Opdam, promis'd in Saturday's Courant, is as follows.

**T**Hose who blame Monsieur d'Opdam object, that he ought to have caus'd himself to be taken, or kill'd. We may be sure they are not his Friends who make this Objection: Let his Enemies then inform us, what Advantage it would have been to the State had he been either taken or kill'd. The Enemy tis true would have triumph'd in taking a General, but would the State have gain'd by that? Had Monsieur d'Opdam been at the Head of any Troops, in that case we grant he ought to have endeavour'd to break through the Enemy, and to have perish'd or open'd himself a Passage with his Sword to rejoyn his Army. But to have done this with 25 or 30 Persons would have argued a stupid Temerity, an unseasonable and ridiculous Bravery, and the World would have judg'd he had thrown away his Life more like a Man out of his Wits than a General.

If they demand, why Monsieur d'Opdam did not tarry on the Angle of the Digue of Wilmerdonck near the Cannon, where he would have run the same Fortune with Monsieur Hop the Treasurer General and Collonel Verschuur, who both retired with the Army; it may be answer'd, That Collonel Verchuur by the Duty of his Station was oblig'd not to abandon his Cannon; And Monsieur Hop was free either to stay there or save himself any other way, that was a thing indifferent, for he had nothing to do in the Battle, no Commands to give, no Duty to discharge. It was not so with Monsieur d'Opdam; uneasie and impatient that no Troops could come to him to enable him to succour his Men who were driven out of Orderen, and that his Time was taken up at a Place where his presence was no longer necessary, he thought it became him to rejoyn his Army and put himself at the Head of the first Troops he could come at; and that it was not for him, who had the chief Command, to continue fix'd to one place, there to expect the Issue of the Fight; He therefore abandon'd Wilmerdonck, where his stay could do no good, to remove some-where where he judg'd he might employ himself better. But because he fail'd of his purpose, and that instead of recovering his Troops, he fell twice into the Enemies hands, this Motion of his, made with no other Design than to perform the part his Character requir'd of him, is imputed to him as a Crime: he was separated from his Army wholly against his will, forc'd from it in spite of all that was possible for him to do; and yet this must be construed abandoning it, and an unavoidable and constrain'd Retreat be odiously miscall'd a Flight.

The Officers of the Army commanded by Monsieur d'Opdam, who are the most competent Judges in this Matter, being inform'd of the Reports that were maliciously spread to discredit him, have decided in his Favour. Far from being dissatisfied with

his Conduct and Retreat, they again desire to have him for their General; as appears by the following Letter.

S I R,

WE are inform'd a Report is spread in Holland, that since the Accident of your being cut off from the Army in the Action at Eckeren, we scruple to serve under you: Which being very far from our Thoughts, we have taken a Resolution to assure you, that we shall be perfectly well pleas'd to see you again at the Head of the Army; and that we shall receive, with much Satisfaction, the Order which we all hope our Soveraigns will give you to reassume the Command of us.

From the Camp at Borkhloen, Aug. 12. 1703.

Dobna Ferrassieres.

Le Compte de Tilly.

Frederich Jacob L. Z. Hessen. D. Elverveld.

Schulenburg.

C. W. V. Dedem.

B. V. Weyche

J. F. Baron de Freisheim.

J. H. Baron van Schratenbach.

G. G. Vander Nat.

G. L. Graffendorff.

J. V. Compte d'Offrise.

N. V. Baron de Hompesch.

Monsieur d'Opdam had reason to expect a more favourable Censure from the Publick. He is descended of a Family which has not contributed less to the Support than it did to the Establishment of the Republick; and it may with justice be said, that the Love of his Country and of the Commonwealth was infus'd into his Veins with his Blood. As to his own Person, he has serv'd the State these Thirly Years, with Honour, both in Civil and Military Employments. He has been in several Actions as perillous as that at Eckeren, and on all occasions given Proofs of his Bravery and Courage: It may be added, that he gave those Proofs under a discerning Prince, (King William) with whom the least sign of Pusillanimity had pass'd for an unpardonable Crime. Yet for all this, on the first Misfortune (which his Enemies may if they please call his Fault) he is allow'd no quarter, but an unmerciful Load of Reproach is cast on him. The greatest Captains have not only been sometimes Unfortunate, but have committed capital Faults; and had their Country or their Soveraigns treated them with this inexorable Rigour, they had depriv'd themselves of the Service of their Faithfulest Subjects. It would therefore better become us to take part with Monsieur d'Opdam in his generous Regret that fatal Necessity should put it out of his Power either to Perish or Conquer with his Army, than to treat him injuriously, for an unhappy Accident by which the State has suffer'd no Damage. We are perwaded all judicious and equitable Persons, will acquit him of the Crime spitefully imputed to him; and will not judge like the Multiude, that whoever is Unfortunate is Culpable.

London, August 30. On Saturday Mr. Methuin, Ambassador Extraordinary to the Court of Portugal, set out for Portsmouth to embark in the Lark commanded by Captain Hannaway for Lisbon.

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**S**Tolen of stray'd, the 22d of *August 1703*, out of *Tybal's Park in Hartfordshire* near *Chestunt*, a Bay Gelding with a white Star in his Forehead, and a white Snip on his off Nostril, mark'd with a Flower-de-Luce, with a Fire-brand on his near Shoulder, about 14 Hands and a half high, 5 Years old. Who ever shall give Notice of the said Horse to *Robert Rickards of Edmunton*, or to *Robert Rickards of Tybal's Park*, or to *Mr. Jones at the Bell in West-Smithfield*, shall have 20 s. Reward and reasonable Charges.

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